

King: there's no way Jackson will be president in '84

By JOHN MALNACK II

Coretta Scott King told an audience last Wednesday night that she is endorsing Walter Mondale for the Democratic presidential nomination. She also addressed violence, citizen apathy and social justice during her hour-long lecture in the Milo Bail Student Center.

King, wife of the late civil rights leader, Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke to an audience of about 300 people.

King said she is concerned with the "worldwide epidemic of violence." This is a crisis which touches every facet of our lives, from the internal violence we sometimes bring on ourselves to the very real threat of a nuclear holocaust which is facing all of humanity," she said.

"Despite all of the technological progress of the last quarter of a century, despite all of our remarkable achievements in science, culture and medicine, we have failed to create a peaceful society," she said. "We can walk on the moon, but somehow we can't put a halt to brutality in our homes and our communities."

"Lynchings, cross-burnings and intimidation of black people were common occurrences" when she was growing up, King said.

"I learned through World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War and the Vietnam Era," she said. "I've experienced the assassination of loved ones and leaders I respected and trusted; had my home bombed twice; and many of my dearest friends (were) beaten and brutalized by racists during the (civil rights) movement."

"And yet I can stand before you tonight and say to you that your generation is facing an unprecedented crisis of violence," King said. "It is a crisis of such fierce urgency that my experience could seem like a church picnic in comparison."

King called the arms race "suicidal." It "forces fear on our children and drains our desperately needed economic resources," she said. The economic resources we invest in the arms race are a leading cause of poverty, unemployment and human misery."

Many Americans are repressing their feelings about the arms race, exhibiting "an ostrich reflex to the prospect of nuclear war," she said. "This habit is then transferred into other forms of violence: in the home, the community and so on," possibly explaining incidents of violence in which bystanders do nothing, she said.

She cited poverty as another leading cause of violence: "The frustrations of the powerless can often explode into tragedy. Generations of poverty, neglect and deprivation can lead to violence," she said.

Quoting her husband, Mrs. King said, "Violence is the language of the unheard."

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Coretta Scott King . . . has endorsed Walter Mondale for president.

She called violence and terrorism a "spreading cancer." But King said she sees cause for hope in the growing nonviolent movement in the United States and abroad. King said more women are becoming involved in the peace movement, as organizers and participants in civil disobedience. "Disarmament and world peace can only be achieved by the fullest involvement of women in nonviolent direct action," she said.

Another sign of hope is increased voter registration, she said. "Although the media associates this phenomenon with the Rev. Jesse Jackson's campaign," she said, it really began about two or three years ago when Reagan's budget cuts began to take effect.

She said less than half of those aged 18 to 24 were registered to vote in the last election, and less than 40 percent voted.

She said America can no longer afford the luxury of the political indifference of its youth.

"College students must become more politically involved if America is to survive and prosper," King said. Sometimes young people don't understand the correlation between voting and effecting social change, she said.

King called citizen participation "an essential cornerstone" of nonviolence. She described nonviolence as "active noncooperation with

evil" and "active resistance to injustice."

She said those who do not actively resist injustice, who do nothing, are just as guilty as the perpetrators. "There are a lot of people who do nothing. They're good people," she said. "It's like good churchgoing people who go to church every Sunday or to temple every Saturday. But they do nothing about the evils in their community."

King quoted her late husband who said, "we may have to repent in our generation not for the bad deeds and vitriolic words of the evil and violent people, but for the appalling silence of the good people. And that includes just about all of us."

Nonviolence becomes a way of life, and is based on unconditional love, she said. "Love is much more powerful than hate." King said her husband used to say "I love those people who try to defeat me, but I don't like 'em."

King said her husband focused on changing the structure of society rather than the individual. The individual's behavior is often determined by the environment in which he or she lives, she said.

When asked about the presidential election, King said she supports Mondale for the Democratic presidential nomination.

"There is absolutely no way for Mr. Jackson to be president in 1984," she said. "The votes

are not out there for him. There's not a real 'rainbow coalition.' That's a great ideal but it does not exist," she said.

King said no president can act solely for minorities. "The president has to act for all the people. Presidents don't deliver us, we deliver ourselves," she said.

Referring to Jackson, King said: "You can't talk about why you don't support a candidate without the press . . . trying to divide the black leadership. Black people have not been free to stand up and say what they feel."

"I had felt that, coming up to this election, it would not be good to be too divided, that we ought to be together on a candidate that would defeat Ronald Reagan. Nobody was surprised when I gave my endorsement. Whoever the Democratic nominee is, I will support that person and do everything I can to help that person win."

Joel Zarr, director of student activities for SPO, said he heard rumors of an organized boycott of King's appearance because of her endorsement of Walter Mondale. He said the sponsoring groups initially anticipated a turnout of 1,000.

Of Reagan administration policies, King said, "All of the things that we've struggled for, that I've struggled for, are being turned back, being reversed."

King distinguished between positive and negative peace: "Peace without justice means nothing. Very often it can be peaceful, nobody's complaining, nobody's saying anything, but underneath there's a very negative attitude . . . a lot of hatred and bitterness, and that's a negative kind of peace. Peace and justice are indivisible," she said.

On the use of guns, King said, "I wish we didn't have to have guns at all. You can police people without guns. I think most college campuses do that anyway. I certainly hope the day will come when we have a society where we don't have the weapons of violence."

She said her husband was both a black leader and a man of all the people. "The killers of the dream cut short his mortal existence with a single bullet," she said, "but not all the bullets and all the arsenals can stop his spirit."

King described herself as the chief fundraiser and spokesperson of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta. She said her salary is \$1 a year.

She is also president of the King Center, co-chairperson of the Full Employment Action Council, co-founder of the National Black Leadership Forum and author of the book "My Life with Martin Luther King, Jr."

Lawyer says Batt suit is part of plan to block expansion

By HENRY CORDES

Attorneys on opposing sides disagree on what Frances Batt stands to gain in her lawsuit against UNO's land acquisition process.

Batt, president of the Citizen's Action Association, a group trying to block UNO expansion, named the NU Board of Regents and UNO Chancellor Del Weber in a suit filed Jan. 11 in Douglas County District Court. It is still pending.

The suit challenges the University's purchase of the Anderson property, one of 12 properties UNO is in the process of acquiring in its campus development plan. The suit is designed to have the purchase vetoed, Batt said.

Richard Wood, legal counsel for the University, said he could not see how a suit attempting to block the sale of one property could stall the land acquisition process.

"In my judgment, I don't think it will affect the acquisition of any parcels," he said.

Omaha attorney Lawrence Batt, who is trying the suit for his mother, said the suit could be part of a plan to block UNO's expansion.

"But," he added, "I'd prefer to keep our strategy quiet at this point."

Wood said there are two causes of action to the Batt suit. The first cause alleges the University did not comply with procedural statutes for acquisition of private property for public use when purchasing the Anderson property.

The second, he said, claims that the Regents did not comply

with open meeting laws when they approved the purchase of the Anderson property in December.

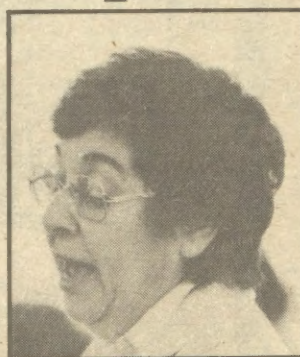
The Anderson purchase was added to the Regents' meeting agenda at the last minute as an emergency amendment. Frances Batt said it was not an emergency, but an effort by the University to "circumvent the public."

Wood said he felt it was an emergency. He said the Anderson's price offer was not given until 24 hours before the December meeting, and that a condition of the offer was that it had to be closed by December.

Hearings on the case were held in Judge Corrigan's district court March 9 and April 9, according to Batt. Each time, the University filed demurrers (objections) challenging Batt's legal standing to file suit.

Wood said the University contends that land acquisition procedure laws are designed for protection of the property owners whose land is being acquired. A private citizen has no part in it, he said, regardless of whether some of the statutory procedures were indeed bypassed.

Batt claims the proper public hearings were not held on the



Batt

purchase of the Anderson property. She said the fact that she is not a party to the sale makes no difference. The purchase of the Anderson property is just one part of a planned project, she said, so hearings must be held even if the seller is a willing seller.

Batt and the University are awaiting Corrigan's decision on the University's second objection.

Wood said the University has not yet replied to the cause of action dealing with open meetings laws.

"We feel it was a bonafide emergency, and the Regents acted properly," he said.

Batt said a three-year-old suit filed by Arthur Montmorency, owner of one of the homes UNO is acquiring, could play a part in her suit.

Wood said the Montmorency suit opposed the University's plans to expand Lot W by one row and tried to enjoin the University from the construction.

The suit claimed a drainage problem on Lot W would become worse if the lot were expanded. Wood said there was a sinkhole on the Montmorency property, but it was not determined if Lot W was the cause.

After a restraining order was issued against the University, it agreed not to expand Lot W without giving advance notice, or until it acquired other properties, Wood said.

Frances Batt said that enlarging Lot W with the purchase of the Anderson property could endanger houses west of the campus with flooding.

"We're in bad trouble right now with runoff," she said.

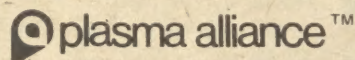
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Bogus flyers placed in Gateways

By CHRIS MANGEN

UNO officials are trying to find out who placed bogus flyers in the April 27 edition of the Gateway.

The flyers have a graphic picture on each side depicting a woman performing fellatio. On one side was printed, "The Class of '84" salutes George Oral-Well, CUM to commencement."

The flyers were found in the distribution rack on the south side of the student center about 8 a.m., according to Don Skeahan, director of the center. He said 40 to 50 of the flyers were pulled from Gateways. The Gateways were then returned to the rack, he said.

The flyers were not placed inside the Gateways as official inserts are. Whoever put them in apparently opened each issue to the middle of the paper, inserted the flyer and refolded the paper, according to Skeahan.

Skeahan called the incident "serious" and "sick." Whoever is responsible will get "as much trouble as I could make for him," Skeahan said, adding, "We'll find out."

Richard Hoover, vice chancellor of educational and student

services, said officials could take disciplinary action which ranges from a verbal warning to banishment from the campus of those responsible.

"Campus security is trying to get to the bottom of it," Hoover said.

Rick Hancock, a campus security officer who helped handle the incident, said campus security officials don't yet know "what's all involved or who's all involved." He said an official report of the incident had been filed and campus security officials were investigating.

Hancock said he didn't know how many of the flyers had been circulated around campus, or where the flyers were placed. "As far as we know, it was just the student center," Hancock said.

Officials checked papers in other buildings and found no flyers, he said. However, the Gateway received several calls from people who said they found the flyers in Gateways distributed at other spots around campus.

Persons who have information about who distributed the flyers can call Campus Security at 554-2648.

Cole, Williams named Gateway editors

Summer and fall editors-in-chief for the Gateway, the Midlands' best freebie, were chosen by UNO's nine-member Publications Committee at a meeting last Thursday.

Both selections were unanimous.

Summer editor will be Kenny Williams, 23, of 5851 Gold St. Williams is a senior majoring in journalism. He began his career with The Gateway during fall 1982, when he sold advertising. He was a reporter for the paper during the spring and fall 1983 semesters, and currently is feature editor.

Kevin Cole, 4515½ Grant St., 27, will be this fall's editor. Also a journalism major, he is a junior who has been associated with The Gateway since last year. He was a reporter during the spring 1983 semester, was sports editor during the summer and fall semesters of 1983 and currently is the associate editor of the paper.

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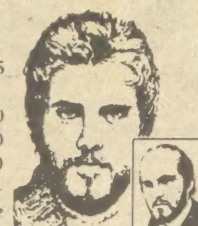
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Dan Fogelberg proves he's not such a wimp after all

Fogelberg blew through Lincoln last Friday night, stopping to perform a tightly crafted, two-hour show before a crowd of 6,400 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Fogelberg and his seven-man band took the stage at 8:15 for a freewheeling, hour-long first set. He started the show with two rollicking rock songs, including his latest hit "Language of

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Love." The predominantly college-age crowd seemed taken by surprise at Fogelberg's deftness on the guitar when he took the spotlight for a searing guitar solo. Where was the guy who sings the sappy ballads about snow and lost loves and crying?

He was there, too, and Fogelberg brought the breakneck opening tempo to an abrupt halt when he manned the piano for the third song "Too Many Lovers." It seemed as if another man had stepped onto the stage, as Fogelberg changed his voice from the hard-edged rocker to a soft-as-the-morning-wind-crooner for acoustic numbers such as "Hard To Say."

But Fogelberg's wimpy, wispy-voiced ballads were augmented by a very fine band. The tight outfit filled out the sound with keyboards, guitars, percussion and horns. Often the sound was so expertly reproduced it seemed as if a Fogelberg album was being played through the speakers.

Yet just when he seemed to have the audience melting into its seats, Fogelberg donned his Fender Telecaster guitar for a roaring version of "The Power of Gold." The fashionable-hip Fogelberg, dressed in faded jeans, tweed jacket, vest and white tie, turned his back to the audience momentarily to join the band for extended solos.

But the roller coaster tempo continued, and Fogelberg once again took to the piano, and then acoustic guitar to finish out the first set. Included in the first half finale were such hits as

"How Do We Make Love Stay," "The Rapture," and "The Leader of the Band."

After a brief break, Fogelberg was back with a new twist, turning the Center into a virtual Grand Ole Opry with the bluegrass song "Morning Sky." Then it was back to the piano for "Run For The Roses," which received some of the most favorable applause of the evening.

Fogelberg then chose to ride the tide of audience appreciation and jumped back into the rock format with a nice rendition of "Tulsa Time." A short bluesy introduction preceded his next song, "Let Her Go," which featured Fogelberg in a memorable guitar solo, accompanied by an equally impressive saxophone solo.

He then mixed up the format a little with a snappy rendition of the calypso tinted "Believe In Love."

Fogelberg remained silent throughout most of the evening.

The somewhat distant performer chose instead to discard the tweed jacket and sink into his music. The crowd, perhaps anticipating a calm balladeer, sat in quiet awe as Fogelberg delivered a loud, feedback-laden guitar introduction to "As The Raven Flies."

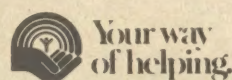
Standing still in a solo spotlight, Fogelberg wailed at his guitar with a vengeance that evoked the sounds of Jimi Hendrix or the flashy Stevie Ray Vaughn. The audience seemed taken aback at the display of raw electric sound.

The last song of the set, the Fogelberg classic, "The Plan," was unusually upbeat and quicker than the album version. Seemingly to sense the audience's feeling for the rock numbers, Fogelberg pulled the oldie "Little Sister," to finish out the evening with a rocking encore.

—KENNY WILLIAMS

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Childish behavior

Maybe it was the pressure of finals week approaching. Lots of tests to take, lots of papers due. Maybe some people just had to do something incredibly stupid and childish to let off steam. Or maybe the people who did it are just stupid and childish all the time.

Whatever the reason, someone put some pornographic flyers in The Gateway last Friday. No one seems to know how many got into the hands of students and faculty. If you were one of those people who received one, I apologize.

I was just as upset as some of you were, though it seems Richard Hoover, vice chancellor of educational and student services, apparently didn't want to believe it.

When contacted by The Gateway and asked "Do you have any idea how widespread this is," Hoover replied, "Maybe I should be asking you that."

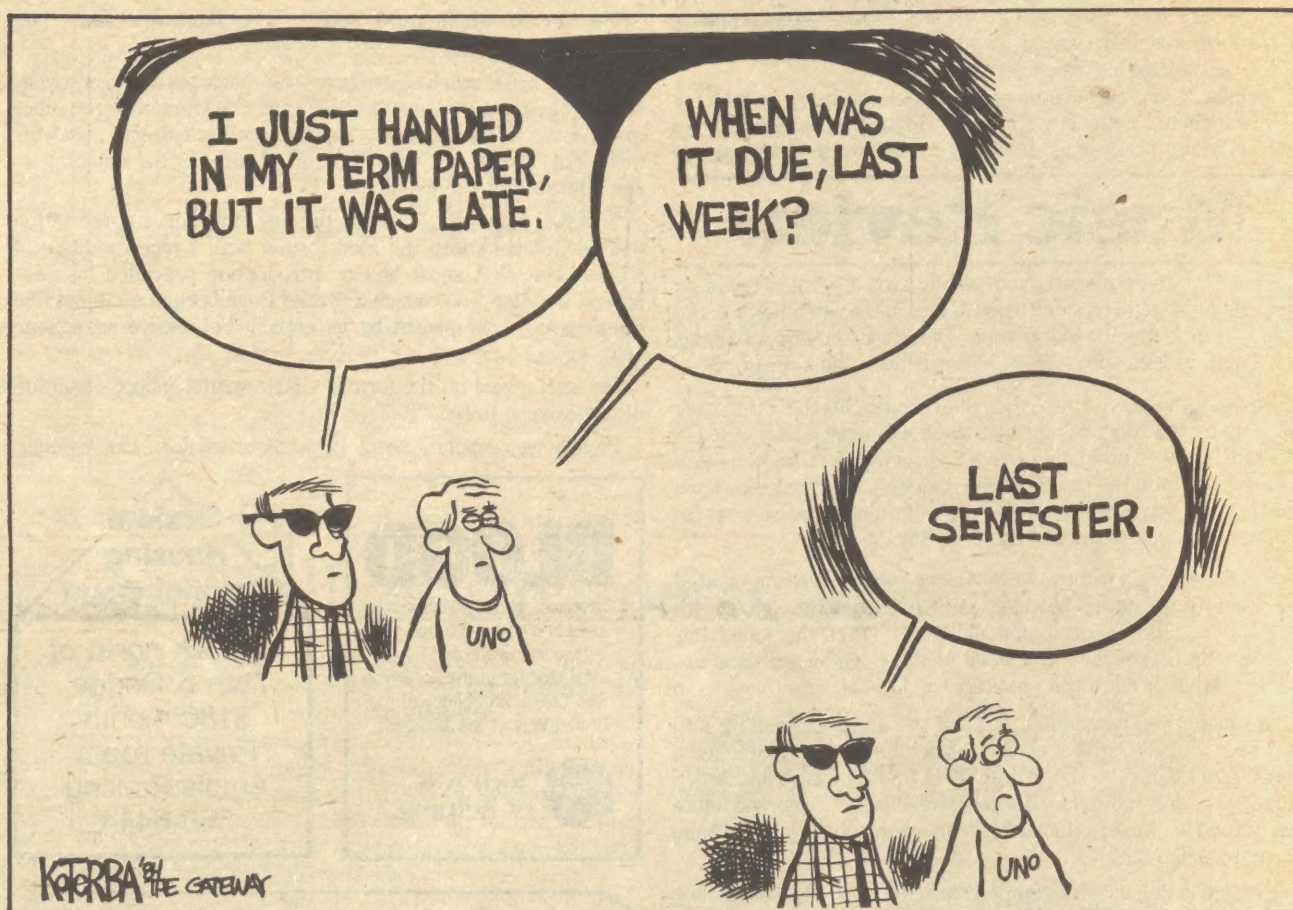
A bit later in the conversation, he said, "Are you sure no one from the Gateway is involved?" I told him I was sure, and added that I was offended he would accuse us of being involved. Hoover then began backpedaling, claiming he hadn't accused us of anything.

This semester, Gateway staff members have gotten along well with administrative officials at UNO.

Chancellor Del Weber, Vice Chancellor Otto Bauer and other UNO officials have been extremely helpful to us this semester, always returning our calls and not seeming to mind when we call them at home once in a while. We appreciate that.

It's unfortunate Hoover was so undiplomatic on one of the few occasions we had to deal with him.

—CHRIS MANGEN



The Philosophicker

By Jeffrey Kallman

Polling the people

Under normal conditions, I would regard polls (as in statistical, not the voting booth) at double arm's length, since they normally cover small grounds and become tools to justify exaggerated idiosyncracies. Case in point: the Nielsen ratings. A small portion of the nation's viewers give the network nitwits justification for polluting the tube with the usual insults to human intelligence for another season — but to the network nitwits, it is the equivalent of deciphering the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Politickers, as well as their various parrots in the press, are another example. If, say *Newsweek* conducts a sweep of about 100,000 readers, then discovers that 61 percent of those readers approve of Mr. X's thinking, you can safely bet the mortgage that Mr. X is going to be whooping it up about his "clear approval by The People, you betchum, oohh la la..."

But the Harper's Index, a new feature in the newly (and exquisitely) redesigned Harper's magazine, is a charming exception. Drawing upon multiple sources and public documents, it produces an entertaining composite of information which is amusing and instructive. In front of me are the first two Indexes, and many of the figures I am about to share should prove at least interesting. Notwithstanding a few comments, I leave it to you to determine what, if anything, they say as regards the shape of the moment.

1) 77 percent of Americans believe there is a heaven, 66 percent of Americans believe they will be there sooner or later, and 5 percent think the afterlife will be a bore. (I am reminded of Billy Sunday's remark, "A church is a place where people

who have never been to heaven brag about it to people who will never get there.")

2) 98 percent of us are too young to remember life before the federal income tax, 69 percent are too young to remember life before television, 58 percent too young to remember Sputnik, and 25 percent too young to remember the Bicentennial. (Now, I wonder... how many of us are too young to remember the last time the Chicago Cubs won the National League pennant?)

3) Speaking of income taxes, here's one for the post-tax season blues: government estimates reveal that the underground (read: tax hidden) economy in the United States adds up, in dollar value, to \$222 billion. (You guessed it: that is twice the current federal deficit.)

4) 20 million more Americans claim not to have quit smoking than claim to have done so. (Note the minor trend of late wherein syndicated columnists take turns causing smokers and non-smokers to feel guilty, for assorted reasons. By the way, I do smoke... but I'm trying. Honest.)

5) There are 7,500 more astrologers than astronomers in the United States.

6) The Soviet Union has 127,199 more motion picture theaters than does the United States. (Any idea as to which were the big box office hits over yonder?)

7) In January of this year, 50,000 copies of "1984" were sold in the United States every day. (It figures.)

8) 1,900,000 suggestions were offered to management by employees of Toyota in 1983. (I'd like to know how many were

offered to management by Chrysler employees in 1983. Just for curiosity's sake.)

9) In Zimbabwe, making fun of President Canaan Banana (now, there's one of the great names of politics) results in a citizen of that country receiving five years in the clink. (We Americans are most fortunate: making fun of an American President can get you an appearance on the "Tonight Show," but making fun of Congress can almost get you the Presidency.)

10) On the 500th anniversary of Luther's birth, 150 books in his honor were published in East Germany, compared to 50 such books published in West Germany.

11) Ranked with states, the number one per-capita consumer of alcohol is the District of Columbia. (No comment. That is definitely *not* a pretty thought.)

12) 86 copies of "Playboy" or "Penthouse" were purchased per thousand people in Des Moines, as compared to 28 per thousand in New York City. (It surprised me, too... honestly.)

13) Americans purchased some one billion Valentine's Day cards in 1982. The safe assumption is that 1983 and 1984 showed the same numbers. So who says Americans don't have a little romance within them?

Conclusion: All things considered, at least by this sampling, it appears that we are quite normal. That is, if you don't mind such little idiosyncracies as San Franciscans arguing over the city's Official Song. At least, they are better off than poor New Yorkers, who usually argue over the city's Official Same Old Song and Dance.

'Peace Child' sends message of hope

By COLMAN MCCARTHY

In 50 cities in the past six months, theatrical companies, schools and church groups have staged "Peace Child." The musical play, which premiered before an audience of 2,500 at the Kennedy Center in Washington in December 1982, is a meditative story of an American boy and a Russian girl who believe that disarmament starts with them.

Possibilities for peace enter the minds of the children when feelings of friendship enter their hearts. The American boy, whose father works at the Pentagon, and the Russian girl, the daughter of a military attaché at the Soviet Embassy, meet in a garden while their parents are inside at a diplomatic cocktail party.

"I wonder why we let our leaders build these weapons that could kill everything?" the American boy asks in the opening scene. "It is because we are afraid," the Russian girl answers. "I'm not frightened of you," she is told.

That is the theme of the play. In another scene, after the American has been to talk with both his President and the Soviet premier, he cries out that "this world's going crazy. I've been to see the two most powerful people on the planet and they're not doing anything about it."

During the Easter and Passover seasons, when Christians and Jews observe religious festivals that coincide with the springtime renewal of the earth, a joyful play like "Peace Child" deserves to be part of the rebirth celebration. Every audience that has seen it has leapt to its feet in applause and gratefulness.

The highest leapers may well be children. A play like "Peace Child" is one of the few messages being sent from the adult world to the child's world that we are not yet helpless before global fear and nuclear death.

For many children, it is too late. Last September before a congressional select committee, a tenth grader spoke of what the nuclear threat has done to her subconscious: "I think about the bomb just about every day now. It makes me sad and depressed when I think about a bomb ever being dropped. I hope I'm with my family. I don't want to die alone. I think about it most on sunny days when I'm having a good time..."

In a study by the American Psychiatric Association, researchers reported that 70 percent of students mentioned nuclear annihilation as a certainty of their future world. Psychiatrists speak of a new pathology — "futurelessness" — that haunts the minds of children.

Ronald Reagan's contribution to the dialogue has been to criticize schoolteachers who allow class time to be spent on the discussion of nuclear war. Why frighten children? he asks.

In the war preparation debate, adults risk ridicule when they cite children's fears as a reason to disarm. Jimmy Carter learned that when he quoted his daughter, Amy. Samantha Smith was perceived as a dupe of the Kremlin because she played with — and liked — Russian children. And someone like Rep. Morris Udall (D-Ariz.) is seen as well-meaning but well out of it because he is trying to create a United States-Soviet Exchange for Peace program. Under Udall's plan, 2,000 children from both countries would study, work and live in the other nation for a year.

The Peace Child Foundation, a Washington-based group, will travel to Moscow to persuade Soviet leaders to allow Russian children to perform the play there. The selling point will be that the large numbers of Americans who have staged or applauded the play are not thinking differently, in fact, about peace. They think the same as Soviet children: They want it and they deserve leaders who want it.

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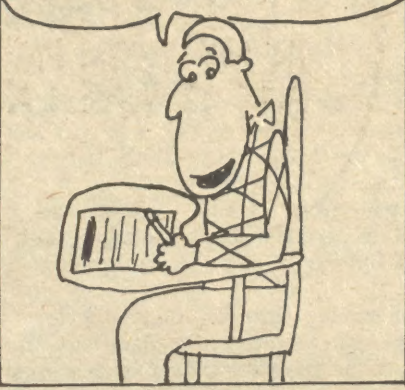
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Kurt Austin of Bellevue East High School and Peggy Aufenkamp of Omaha Central High were the recipients of the World-Herald scholarships.

Four scholarships valued at \$10,000 each

were awarded to high school seniors Diane Birginal of Northwest High; Joseph Hower of Creighton Prep; Tim Sloup of Daniel J. Gross High; and Heather Wilson of Westside High. A fifth winner, Paul Kallman of Bellevue West High, will receive an \$11,200 scholarship. All of the scholarships are four-year grants.

The two recipients of the World-Herald scholarships will receive \$3,250 each year and are members of the academic Honors Program. Funds for the scholarships are provided by a

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The four \$10,000 scholarship winners are awarded \$2,500 annually. The scholarships are sponsored by various organizations and the NU Board of Regents. The \$11,200 scholarship is disbursed in \$2,800 allotments and is awarded by the Regents and the Omaha Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Educational Foundation.

In other scholarship action, UNO student

Bradley R. Kaciewicz was one of 105 students awarded 1984 Truman Scholarships. The scholarships carry an annual maximum stipend of \$5,000 for the last two years of college and two years of graduate school.

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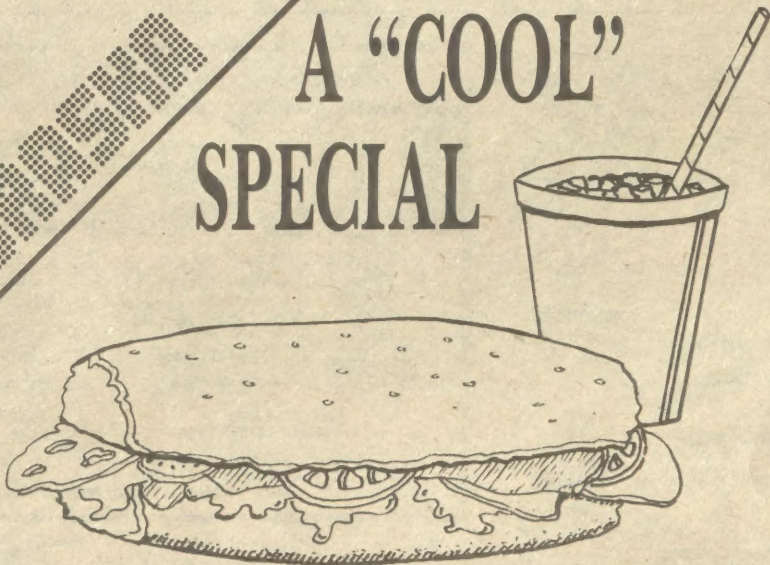


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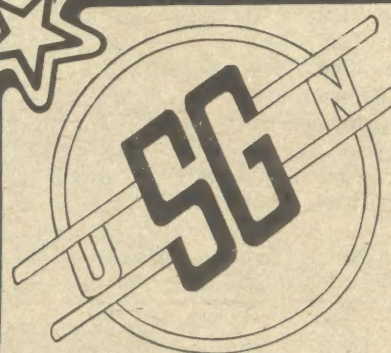


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Sports

UNO scalps Chiefs, wins South Division title

By ERIC OLSON

Pat Gibbons would have never dreamed it. A .203 hitter, Gibbons smacked a solo homer in the bottom of the seventh in the opener to break a 5-5 tie with Morningside last Saturday. The win clinched the South Division title for UNO, 11-1 in the conference and 17-10 overall.

"I was just trying to get on base," Gibbons said. "The No. 3, 4 and 5 batters were coming up behind me so I figured I would get hit in. But I got a fastball down the middle and it just went."

The home run was the outfielder's first of his career at UNO. The victory was extra sweet for the Mavs since Morningside kept UNO out of the playoffs last year by a half game. "We wanted to make sure they wouldn't do it again," Gibbons said. UNO will now travel to Mankato, Minn., to face North Division runner-up St. Cloud State, 4-4 in the league, in the first round of the North Central Conference playoffs Friday. The Mavs will be seeking their third NCC crown under head coach Bob Gates, who has compiled a 173-129 record at UNO in eight seasons.

According to team captain Gregg Larsen, UNO will be ready for the Huskies. "We're in real good shape right now," Larsen said. "We are peaking at the right time."

Indeed they have. The Mavs have won 15 of their last 18 games, including a string of five straight.

But UNO will need to be at its best if it faces host team Mankato State in the finals. That team has scored 118 runs in eight league games and has a .441 batting average against NCC competition.

In the Mavs' first game last Saturday, Morningside broke out to a 2-0 lead in the fourth inning. But UNO came back on a bases-loaded walk to Joe Mancuso and on a sacrifice fly by Lar-

sen. The Mavs got three more in the fifth as Gibbons scored on a double steal and Mark King hit a two-run single.

The Chiefs picked up three runs in the seventh to tie before Gibbons' homer with no outs in the bottom half of the inning.

"We knew we could get 'em in the bottom part of the inning," Larsen said. "None of us wanted them to keep us out of the playoffs again."

In the second game, Larsen took on the responsibility for scoring runs. His grand slam in the first inning was all winning pitcher John Weatherly needed.

"I had a lot of confidence with the wind behind me," Larsen said.

UNO's other run came on a solo homer by Ron Sova in the fourth.

On Friday, the Mavs secured a place in the playoffs with a sweep of Morningside in Sioux City, Iowa. In the second game of that double-header, UNO held an 11-0 lead in the third inning before the Chiefs stormed back to close 11-10 in the fourth.

Maverick runs in the fifth and seventh ensured the win, though, for pitcher Mike Grandgenett, who picked up his first win of the year.

In Friday's opener Joe Mancuso won the game, which was highlighted by homers from Bill Lynam, Mark King and Jim Palensky. Mancuso upped his record to 5-2.

Junior third baseman Ed Dineen went 9 for 14 over the weekend, solidifying him as the leading UNO hitter at .466. As a team, UNO went 31 for 108, which is parallel to its season average of .287.

According to Larsen, UNO's success wouldn't be possible without the fine play of the team's freshmen. "They're contributing a lot," he said. "But I figured from the start of the season that they would come through."



Lynn Sanchez

Home run trot . . . Pat Gibbons strides around the bases after hitting the game-winning homer against Morningside last Saturday.

Mavericks gain confidence through new team unity

By ERIC OLSON

UNO assistant baseball coach Bob Nowaczyk wasn't surprised when sophomore Pat Gibbons blasted a solo home run in the bottom of the seventh against Morningside to clinch the South Division championship last Saturday.

"We knew we had our final bats," Nowaczyk said. "The kids didn't think they would ever lose that game."

That confidence is the product of a new-found team unity on the baseball team this season, according to Nowaczyk.

"Senior leadership has given us a better team attitude," he said. "The seniors have taken the freshmen under their wing." UNO has six seniors on its roster this season.

The coach said he's never seen a team work as closely as this year's squad. Part of the reason, he said, is the team goals established by captains Gregg Larsen and Mark King. Also, UNO's recruiting efforts have been geared toward finding good students instead of finding just the best players, Nowaczyk said.

"We're trying to get good academic kids," he said. "When you get smart kids with ability, they can't be worked too hard."

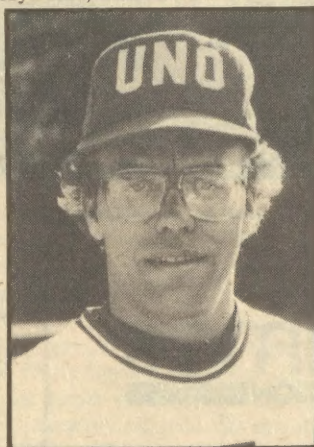
One of the team's goals was to never lose to an NAIA school. When UNO lost to Peru State, the punishment de-

creed by Larsen and King was to run sprints following the game.

No one complained, Nowaczyk said, which would have been unusual in years past. "If the seniors are excited about playing ball, the freshmen won't mind running extra sprints," he said.

The Mavs' enthusiasm is what Nowaczyk attributes to the rapid development of the team's freshmen. "All of them are starting to jell now," he said. "They're mentally prepared now that they've been around. The freshmen have really helped us down the stretch."

Shortstop Dick Dineen is the leading freshman hitter on the team with a .353 average, which is second best on the team behind his brother, Ed.



Nowaczyk

The elder Dineen is hitting .466 after going 9-14 in four games with Morningside.

Despite a recent slump, first baseman Mike Grandgenett is second among the frosh at .302.

Nowaczyk said Dick Dineen, a graduate of Creighton Prep, has the capability to play Division I. "Some people really missed the boat on Dick," he said. "He's really improved."

Nowaczyk said Dick Dineen has made great strides because of the help he's gotten from senior Joe Mancuso. Dineen became the starting shortstop after winning the job from Mancuso.

"Joe wasn't afraid to help out Dick even though both of them are shortstops," Nowaczyk said. "Joe knows he can help us out somewhere else."

On the other hand, Nowaczyk said, younger players that have been slumping don't complain when they aren't playing. He cited an example involving Gibbons.

"Pat was benched three games when he was hitting only .198," he said. "Instead of moping to other players and asking why he wasn't playing, Pat was in the batting cage taking extra hits. It really paid off Saturday."

That's the way it would be for the whole team, Nowaczyk said. "It's a team effort."

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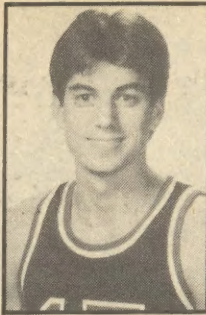
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Thompson, who's 1,816 career points set a school record, led the Mavericks to the North Central Conference title this season by averaging 17.5 points per game.



Thompson

The senior said his future plans include either staying in Omaha to find employment in business or continuing his basketball career through a tryout with a National Basketball Association team or playing overseas.

Mavs fifth in 1,600

The UNO men's track team placed in one event at the Drake Relays last weekend in Des Moines, Iowa. The 1,600-relay team captured fifth place in the college division. The team, made up of Tim Freeburg, Mike Wellington, Duane Steuvers and Al McLaughlin, won its qualifying heat in 3:17.27 Friday.

That afternoon, Steuvers, Phil Dew, Gerald

Harder and Mike Jones finished second in the 3,200 relay, clocking a 7:38.34. The Mavs were far behind winner Cal Poly-Pomona, but well ahead of third-place Wisconsin-LaCrosse.

The women's team entered only one event, the sprint medley relay. The team, comprised of Becky Wilson, Zel Fowler, Kristi Bundy and Levon Allen, was disqualified when incoming runner Fowler mowed over Allen on the exchange of the baton.

"They got experience the hard way," said Coach Bob Condon. "It was brand new to Levon. She wasn't concentrating." Allen, a fresh-

man, transferred to UNO this semester from Grambling.

Next competition for both the men and women will be against Peru State Friday at 4 p.m. at Caniglia Field.

NCC softball starts Friday

UNO's softball team will begin play Friday in the North Central Conference Softball Tournament at Sioux Falls, S.D.

The Lady Mavs, 9-9 overall and 4-5 in the conference, were snowed out of the North Dakota State Tournament over the weekend. An alternate plan to play at Buena Vista was foiled due to rain.

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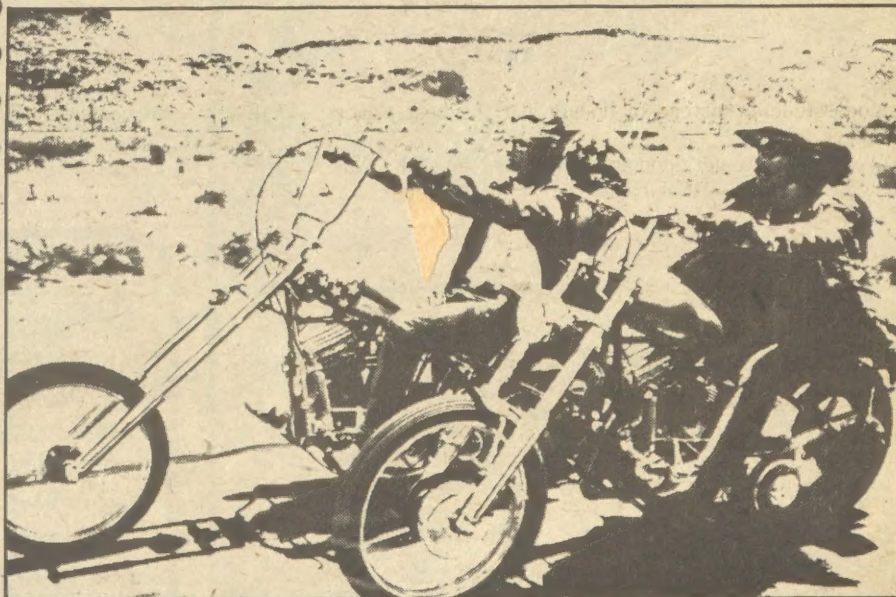
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